

## Tasmanian Public VET Providers Review

(Report by Virginia Simmons AO)

### Steering Committee

The Training and Workforce Development Bill has now passed both Houses of Parliament without amendment. With the Governor's assent, this milestone triggers significant structural change: the Tasmanian Polytechnic and Skills Institute will merge and continue as TasTAFE; and Skills Tasmania becomes a business unit within the Department of Education (DoE). Other important functions affecting both DoE and TasTAFE will need adjustment as a result of these major changes. This work is underway.

The Steering Committee met on 30 May 2013 to consider and sign-off on its formal report to the Minister on this progress, and monitor the implementation of the remaining recommendations necessary to ensure the smooth transition to TasTAFE on 1 July.

These remaining recommendations involve the organisational structure of TasTAFE and the membership of its Board.

The Steering Committee noted consultation forums with Tasmanian Polytechnic and Skills Institute staff remained a key feature of progress towards the establishment of TasTAFE. Stephen Conway is currently briefing staff on further developments to the organisational structure of TasTAFE, and the systematic process that will be used to manage future staffing arrangements ([attached](#)).

Stephen has met with representative unions about this process and also with the Director of the State Service Management Office. These meetings have been followed up with formal letters to the unions inviting nominations to be included on the Workforce Transition Steering Committee. Stephen has written to the State Service Management Office confirming arrangements to Chair the Committee.

The Steering Committee was advised Cabinet is considering recommendations for membership to the TasTAFE Board and an announcement is expected soon by the Minister about that decision. The new Board will participate in an induction session on 23-24 June, ready for the first formal meeting of the Board in July.

The Steering Committee will have its final meeting on 27 June and consider an evaluation report on the performance of the various Workgroups. In conjunction with this report, responsibility for outstanding recommendations from the Government's response to the VET Review will be delegated to TasTAFE and the Department of Education for action.

This work will form the basis of a final report to the Minister by 30 June, and complete the responsibilities undertaken by the Steering Committee.

Colin Pettit

Chair